Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 08 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 09 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 07 Jan 2023 at 17:06

Confidence: High confidence in the changeable pattern continuing through the coming week, with colder and showery conditions on Sunday and Monday, then much milder but very wet weather on Tuesday. High for generally windy conditions albeit moderate confidence regarding when the strongest winds will occur.

Headline for Sunday 08 Jan 2023: Windy and colder with heavy showers, falling as snow on the highest summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers	Hail showers	Sleet showers	Heavy rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	70%	70%	80%	80%	60%	90%	40%

Forecast for Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Weather: Heavy showers through the early hours, with brief clearer intervals in-between. Longer periods of heavy rain, hail and summit snow are possible during Sunday morning with a risk of thunder and lightning. Possibly somewhat drier during the afternoon with occasional sunny intervals, however further showers of rain or hail are likely at times. Feeling cold, especially on exposed ridges and summits with strong winds on most routes.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40%, becoming 70% during the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Lengthy periods of cloud above 500-600m, most persistent in the south and west. Becoming more broken by the afternoon above 600-700m, with some summits clearing intermittently. Often moderate to poor visibilities in longer periods of precipitation and very poor in snow and hill fog. Occasionally very good by the afternoon in-between the showers with superb air clarity outside of any showers, but quickly deteriorating in hail and snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	30/38 SW	23/30 SW	22/29 S	25/33 S	24/32 SW	21/28 SW	20/27 SW	16/23 SW	24/34 W
300	16/34 SW	13/28 SW	11/24 SW	15/31 S	13/27 SW	13/26 SW	11/24 SW	8/19 W	13/28 W
Valley	12/31 SW	10/25 SW	9/23 SW	13/29 S	11/25 SW	12/25 SW	9/24 SW	7/17 W	12/27 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	4/-3	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	3/-4	2/-4	2/-5	2/-3	2/-4
300	6/1	5/1	5/2	5/0	5/0	4/-0	4/-0	4/1	4/0
Valley	6/3	5/2	6/3	5/2	5/2	5/1	4/1	4/2	5/1
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	800m	800m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Expect a significant wind chill on the highest summits with 'Feels like' temperatures of minus 8 Celsius or lower. A covering of fresh snow is possible on the very highest summits, generally above 800m giving slippery conditions and icy paths. Layers of warm and wet weather clothing will be required. Thunderstorms may occur without much notice with sudden deteriorations in visibility.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Sat 07 Jan 2023	38.8mm	49.6mm	56.4mm

Forecast for Monday 09 Jan 2023

Weather: Another changeable and cold day with a mixture of brief bright or sunny intervals and occasional showers, these locally heavy during the morning. Becoming mostly dry during the afternoon but a few isolated showers continuing. Showers will be wintry at times and will fall as snow above 600m. Strong winds will make for difficult walking on many ridges and summits with a severe wind chill at height.

Maximum wind: Westerly 35-40 mph gusting 50-55 mph, easing to 25-30 mph gusting 45 mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40% becoming 70% by noon.

Low cloud and visibility: Periods of cloud above 400-500m during the overnight hours, this lifting and breaking during the morning to leave periods of cloud above 700-900m by early afternoon. Generally excellent visibilities with distant hills clearly visible in-between showers and superb air clarity, but sudden deteriorations to poor or very poor during hail and snow showers. Very poor in hill fog.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700-900 metres.

Thursday	Another very windy day and probably cloudier and wetter with rain and drizzle, heaviest and most persistent in the west. Somewhat milder with freezing levels rising above the summits for a time.

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